

REMARKS

The following remarks are submitted to address the above amendments and issues raised in the Official Action mailed November 23, 2005.

Claims 1-5 and 16-20 have been canceled herein. Following entry of the above amendments, claims 6-15 and 21-30 are now pending in this application. In the Official Action, claims 6-15 and 21-30 stand allowed. Claims 1-5 and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Morey (U.S. Patent No. 6,000,642).

These amendments are made merely to clarify the subject matter of this application. No new matter has been added. Support for requested amendments can be found in the original claims and throughout the present specification and drawings. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 6-15 and 21-30—Allowable Subject Matter

The Official Action states that claims 6-15 and 21-30 are allowed. (Official Action, p.2.) Applicant respectfully submits that because all claims other than allowed claims 6-15 and 21-30 have been canceled herein, the application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-5 and 16-20—35 USC § 102(b)

The rejections of claims 1-5 and 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Morey '642 are respectfully traversed. Claims 1-5 and 16-20 have been canceled herein. Therefore, the rejections of these claims are now moot. For all of these reasons, the Office is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of claims 1-5 and 16-20 under 35 USC § 102(b).

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that a full and complete response has been made herein to the Official Action and, as such, all pending claims in this application are now in condition for allowance.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests early consideration of the present application, entry of all amendments herein requested, withdrawal of all rejections, and allowance of all pending claims.

The Office is respectfully invited to contact J. Michael Boggs at (336) 747-7536, to discuss any matter relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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